



Descendants of

Elijah B. Cook

and

Charity Lockwood Cook

September 8-1911





ELIJAH B. COOK

Born Sept. 11, 1759

AND HIS WIFE

CHARITY LOCKWOOD COOK

Born June 27, 1762

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CHARITY COOK CHAPTER

October 30, 1915, Charity Cook Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in Homer, Michigan, with fourteen charter members. Homer ladies chose this name because Mr. and Mrs. Cook are both buried on Cook's Prairie. Since that time the members have gleaned some facts and traditions about Charity Lockwood Cook and her husband, Elijah Cook, which will doubtless be of interest to the people of Homer and surrounding country.

Charity Cook's maiden name was Lockwood. father's side she could trace her ancestry back to 1470, when Annie, only daughter of Richard Lockwood, married Thomas Henshaw and thereby became possessed of a large estate in Greenwich, England. The first Lockwood to come to America was Robert, in 1630, settling His son, Gershom, the greatin Watertown, Mass. grandfather of Charity, removed from Watertown to Greenwich, Conn. Gershom Lockwood was a very prominent and influential man in the town. He served as a lieutenant during the Colonial Wars.

With his brother William he built the first bridge in Greenwich, Conn. From "Ye Historie of Greenwich" we learn that they were to receive "whatever the town should see fit to give after the work was done." bridge was originally a part of the King's Highway between New York and Boston and it remained in use until 1788 when the bridge was rebuilt, a third bridge

not being built until 1907.

Charity Cook's parents, Joseph Lockwood, Jr., and Charity Knapp, lived at Greenwich and here our own Charity was born. The father saw much service during the troublous times of the Revolution. He served as a private from 1775 to 1777 under Captain Peck in Colonel Mead's Regiment under Brigadier-General Siliman. From 1777 to 1783 he was sergeant in Colonel Lamb's artillery. The wife and mother cared for and reared the children at home, lending aid by her many acts of kindness to the sick and needy, as well as making clothing for the soldiers in the field. In this work she was assisted by her daughter Charity, who was only thirteen years old when that dread alarm of April 19, 1775, was sounded.

When still but a girl, only seventeen, Charity Lockwood assumed the duties of a soldier's wife by marrying Isaac Sherwood of the 2d Connecticut Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Webb. To them on September 4, 1780, a son was born, named James I. Sherwood. This soldier-husband died and later Charity Sherwood married our patiot, Elijah Cook, Sr., who became a father to her little son, as well as to the thirteen children born to them.

Many hardships were suffered by these two Charities which they met with great fortitude. The Tories at one

time became possessed of the entire town of Greenwich, plundering it at will. Terrible, indeed, was the lot of those obliged to remain in the town. Among this number was the Cook family. So Elijah buried their housefold goods to keep them from falling into the hands of the British. When the family came to Michigan many years later some of this same furniture was brought with them.

Elijah Cook was first of all a farmer; he was six feet tall, of fine proportion, very proud and very stern. His wife, Charity, was five feet six inches tall and as proud as her husband. Though she wore caps and covered it she was very proud of her heautiful head of hair, which was so long she could stand on the end of it.

Elijah, like so many in that day, made shoes for his family. Being good at it, he went farther and made shoes for others between seasons of farming. He was also a mason and, being industrious, often worked at

this too.

He was very stern, impatient and gritty. While Charity, though mild and amiable, ruled him. The granddaughter, who cared for them in their last days found Elijah very difficult, but Charity was a pleasure even though a woman of strong personality and having decided opinions of her own. She insisted that people should dress according to the weather. For instance, if the morning was cool, she would dress warmly and as the day grew warmer would discard some of her ciothing, to fit the conditions.

The women of those days wore caps and neckerchiefs. Mistress Charity had a goodly array of these, some of them very elaborate. She was very particular and wanted them to be immaculate. She would wear them until they were nearly all soiled. Then she would have a general "clearing up time" and wash and iron them herself. One of her granddaughters has said she could distinctly remember her as she ironed them. A striking looking woman; as she grew warm, she would untie her capstrings and undo her neckerchief. So with capstrings flying and neck bare, she would work until all were spic and span again.

These are little things but they give an insight into the strong character of the woman. But she alone did not possess the strong blood, for it was just as noticeable in Elijah. His intensity and steadfastness of purpose often showed itself and is often seen among his descendants.

A few incidents will illustrate his character. Elijah wore his hair braided and tied at the back of the neck with ribbon according to Colonial style. He came in one day in great haste for his wife to arrange his "queue" as he was to attend some public function. She was too busy to attend to it just then so he took the shears and cut off the braid. The gentlemen were beginning to discard them anyway.

One day while Mrs. Cook was alone at the house some Indians came. In those days but few houses had locks and keys. The doors being bolted within. If the family left home they braced the door shut with a stick. The Indians knowing there would be no one at home if the stick was up to the door would not ask admission.

This day as the stick was not at the door they insisted upon being admitted. Their request was for food. They liked the white sqaw's cooking. It so happened that it was the last of the week and the larder was empty, there being absolutely nothing in the house to eat except a pot of beans. In order to convince the Indians, it was necessary to take the head Indian out to the cupboard and prove to him that she was telling the truth. Upon being convinced, he took the pot of beans, called the others in and seating them on the floor in a circle, he portioned out the beans. Each, regardless of age, sex or station, received exactly the same amount. When they had finished eating they left peaceably. Mrs. Cook often told this incident to her children as an example of the fairness of the Indians.

Elijah Cook was too young to enlist as a regular soldier in the early years of the war, but his patriotism was so great that he went into the army as a waiter to an officer. He enlisted as a private in January, 1777, at Preston, Conn., and served under Captains Nathaniel Webb, Lemuel Clift and Phelps, Colonels John Durky and Sumner. He shared the distresses of that memorable winter at Valley Forge and was in the battles

of Monmouth and Stony Point.

Once during the war he found his way into the British camp as a spy and was there discovered by a Tory who came from the same neighborhood. This Tory reported Elijah, so that he had to flee for his life. He succeeded in escaping, and when the war was over they both came back to their homes. Elijah met this enemy and told him that because he had exposed him in that time of peril, this country was not big enough for them both. He said, "If I ever set eyes on you again, I will shoot you on sight." Joshua Vincent, who knew Elijah well, asked, "You only meant to scare him; you would not have done that?" Elijah stretched his hands above his full six feet and said, "By the eternal heavens, I would."

When Congress voted not to grant any more pensions for fear of bankrupting the country, he burned his discharge papers. He applied for and received a pension

in 1832 while living at Clarkson, New York.

Elijah and Charity Cook went from Connecticut to Stephentown, New York, where eleven of their children were born. About 1800 he removed his family to Verona, New York. From this place in the fall of 1817 with his son, Elijah, he went on foot to Clarkson, New York, where they chopped a clearing. In the spring of 1818, with an ox team, he brought his family to Clarkson and stayed in this place until 1836, when he came to Homer that he and his aged wife might pass their last days with the son Elijah. Wishing them to have all the pleasure and comfort possible, this son built a small log house in his door yard where the parents could live away from the confusion of children and farm work.

This son, Rev. Elijah Cook, born in New York state July 17, 1793, with his wife, Catherine Roatrick, came with the early pioneers to Michigan in the fall of 1834 and located near the present site of the Free Will Baptist church and was one of the principal organizers of

the denomination on Cook's Plains. In these pioneer days, Elder Cook was a sort of volunteer pastor for the Laptists. Later in life he filled appointments regularly in Eurlington, Stony Point, Girard and other places. ite was an earnest advocate of a higher order of education and as such was one of the first to encourage and render assistance in the establishment of the Free Will Daptist College at Spring Arbor, the college which is now located at Hillsdale. Rev. Cook was a man of strong convictions and great perseverance, and one who wielded a good moral and religious influence in the community in which he lived. He was every ready to render aid for good and benevolent works, and especially in helping to build up and sustain new and weak churches. Not one, perhaps, of our early pioneers had a larger circle of acquaintances in this and adjoining counties than Rev. Elijah Cook, Jr.

It was with this son that Elijah Cook, Sr., and his good wife Charity made their home during their declining years. Elijah passed away June 30, 1839, and

his wife followed March 9, 1843.

They need not envy those who trust to their books or their statues or their speeches to make them famous.

They have written their influence in human flesh and blood; it will throb in the veins of the race as long as they have a descendant in the world.

This is their promise of immortality.

KEY: Abreviations—b. stands for born; m. for married; d. for died. The figures in parenthesis following the names indicate the generation. The children of each family are numbered in order on the left of the name. The figures following the names on the extreme right are the consecutive numbers of the descendants of Charity Lockwood and Elijah Cook, and indicate where further information is given. Where no number is so given the record does not extend further.

LOCKWOOD AND COOK

1—Robert Lockwood (1) came to America from England 1630; settled in Watertown, Mass. His wife's name was Susannah; after his death she m. Jeffrey Ferris.

Children:

2—Gershom Lockwood (2), b. in Watertown, Mass., 1643; m. Ann Millington; was a Lieutenant in the Colonial Army; in 1688 these two brothers, Gershom and William, built a bridge in Greenwich, Conn., where they had removed; the family are often mentioned in the history of Greenwich, by S. P. Mead, of the N. Y. bar; and on p. 314 "History of Greenwich," by Daniel

M. Mead; d. in Greenwich, Conn., 1716. Child:

Child:

1 Joseph, Jr. (4), b. 1727, in Greenwich......4

4—Joseph Lockwood, Jr. (4), m. Charity Knapp; served in the war of the American Revolution in Cap. G. Peck's Company, Co!. Mead's Regiment, 4th Frigad's Militia in the State of Connecticut, commanded by Brigadier-General Siliman, dated May 1, 1778; and Andrew Northrop, of Newton, Conn., gives him as serving in the Continental Regiment, 1775, taken from collections of the Connecticut Historical Society, p. 116 and p. 8. And from "History of ye Town of Greenwich," p. 124. He was a private in 5th Regiment Continental Line 1775; marched first to N. Y. then to the Northern Dept., p. 139; 1777 to 1738 he was Sergeant in Coil Lambs' Artiflery.

Child:

Sherwood child:

All b. in Stephenstown, N. Y., except Lydia, b. in Verona.

- 8 A son (6), b. Feb. 15, 1797.
- 11 Sabrina (6), b. June 10, 1801; died young.

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Children:

- 2 Lockwood (7) 3 Horatio (7)
- 4 Charity (7)
- 5 Another daughter (7)

7—Betsey Cook (6), m. Joseph Perkins—b. 1778; d. 1849, at Rome, N. Y. She d. at Rome, N. Y., July 6,

1886, aged 100 years and 5 months, in possession of all of her faculties. Children: All born Rome, N. Y. Susan D. (7), b---; m. - White. 8-Ephriam B. Cook (6), m. (not known); d. Dec., Children: Philemon (7), b---Mufford (7), b-Edgar (7), b---; twin. Edwin (7), b——; twin. 9-Charity Cook (6), m. Abram Larkin; d. Nov. 15, Children: David (7), b., l., d. Lakeport, N. Y.; m——....21 Henry (7), b., l., d. Lakeport, N. Y.; m——....22 Jared Lockwood (7), b., l., d. Lakeport, N. Y.; 10-Elijah B. Cook (6), m. Feb. 5, 1815, at Verona, N. Y., Catharine Roatrick, b. July 6, 1791; both d. at Eckford, Mich.—he Jan. 31, 1872; she Jan. 1, 1876. Children: First three b. at Murry, N. Y., the other five at Clarkson, N. Y. Eliza Ann Jackson (7), b. April 9, 1816......26 Elisha Hutchinson (7), b. July 18, 1818.....27 Israel Lockwood (7), b. Feb. 3, 1832......33 11-Joseph Lockwood Cook (6), m. (1st) Jan. 21, 1826, at Clarendon, N. Y., Alma Foot; (2d) June 22, 1834, at Clarendon, N. Y., Nancy Hawley; (3d) March, 1838, Betsey Rockwell; d. March 11, 1842. Children: By first wife-Chancy (7), b. March 31, 1827; d. Oct. 26, 1848. Elijah (7), b. July 12, 1830; d. Oct. 31, 1831. By second wife—

6 Josephine L. (7), b. July 29, 1842; d. July 2. 1843.

12-Jared Lockwood Cook (6), m. Aurilla Strait; d. at Howell, M., 1849 or 1850.

Children:

Ruth (7), m. - Chase, of Howell, Mich.

6 Justus F. (7), b. Nov. 11, 1874.

13—Lydia Cook (6), m. Orange Foot; lived at Brandon, Oakland County, Mich.; d. Feb., 1879.

Children:

Jerome (7)

Nancy (7)

14-James I., Jr. (7) had one son, Charles.

15-Harriet Perkins (7), m. Chester Wheeler, of Rome, N. Y.

Children:

a Chester (8), b----

b Mary (8), b--; m. - Dilley; lived in Kansas. 16-Mary Jannette Perkins (7), m. 1844, John W. Dinwiddie, b. Oct. 1, 1813, d. April 12, 1861; she d. March 15, 1888.

Child:

Oscar (8), b. Sept. 2, 1845, near Channahon, Ill.; m., Feb. 2, 1874, Mary Joanna Robertson, daughter of E. M. Robertson and Hannah Bryant; they have 5 children and 7 grandchildren in 1916; live near Lowell, Indiana.

17-Esther Cook (7), m. Washington Nye, of Earry County, Mich. They had children.

18-Serepta Cook (7), m. - Blackwell, of Trenton, N. J.

Children:

Ella (8), teaching in Detroit, Mich.

Penelope (8), b-

Mandana (8), m. - McKay, of Detroit, Mich.

Horatio (8), living in California.

19—Mandana Cook (7), m. — Wallace, of Barry Co., Michigan.

20-Betsey Cook (7), m. Lewis G. Tanner, of Rochester, Mich.; d. 1900.

Children:

Alma G. (8), m. Jared Larkin; settled in California and had 5 children; d. March, 1914.

Mary (8), b. Feb., 1837; m. Dr. Chancy Earl, of Pontiac. Mich.

Children:

a Josephine Mary (9), b. Jan. 9, 1860; m. Joseph McLaughlin, of Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24, 1879; have one son, Joseph Robert; they live in

Seattle, Wash. Florence Elizabeth (9), m. Paul L. Randall, of Detroit, where they now live and have one

daughter, Pauline.

21-David Larkin (7), m-

Children:

a William (8)

one was built. Children:

Frank (8), died.

Annette (8), m. Graylord Holt; no children.

Flora (8), m. - Massey; died. Ira K. (8), lives in Grandville, Mich.

5 Minerva (8), m. and died. 32—Catharine Cook (7), m. Franklin Mead.

33-Israel Lockwood Cook (7), m. June 4, 1858, at

22 - 1 - 6	l, Mich., Priscilla H. Harris, b. Albion, Mich.,
Ecklore	I, MICH., Prischia H. Harris, D. Albion, Elich.,
Sept. 20), 1820; d. Nov. 30, 1888; he d. June 26, 1876. Child:
1	Harris Lockwood (8), b. Sept. 18, 186256
348	Sarah Cook (7), m. Dec. 2, 1856, at Clarendon,
N. Y.,	George W. Edmunds.
	Children:
1	Carrie M. (8), b. April 3, 1859, Sweden, Monroe County, N. Y49
_	roe County, N. Y49
	Charles Ely (8), b. June 2, 1863; unmarried.
$\cdot \frac{z}{3}$	Florence (8), b. Feb. 18, 1869
4	George Earl (8), b. Jan. 26, 187651
25_1	Ely Hannibal Cook (7), m. March 3, 1857, at
Brockn	ort, N. Y., Clara R., daughter of Alpheus Foster.
Ditterp	Children:
1	Cora Alma (8), b. Jan. 12, 1858, Clarendon,
1	N. Y
2	Hattie Adele (8), b. Nov. 17, 1859, Elba County,
2	N V
3	N. Y
9	7, 1866.
4	Sara Josephine (8), b. April 6, 1871; a teacher
4	in Catham, N. Y.; not married.
2.0	Alma F. Cook (7), m. Dec. 20, 1860, at Sweden
Conter	N. Y., Charles H. Edmunds.
Center,	. Children
1	Lewis Lockwood (8), b. Feb: 9, 1863; m. Dec.
1	
2	22, 1886. Jennie M. (8), b. Dec. 12, 1866; d. Nov. 4, 1912;
4	unmarried.
27	Horace L. Cook (7), m., settled at Howell, Mich.
J.—.	Children:
1	Rilla (8)59
2	Sarah (8)
3	Ida (8), m. — Gunn.
4	Horace L., Jr. (8); left one son, Horace.
5	Bradford (8), d. in the Civil War; buried at
9	Marietta, Ga.
6	Joseph L. (8)
	Jared L. Cook, Jr. (7), m. Martha Drake.
90	Children:
1	Sophie (8), b. Aug. 2, 1859
2	Fred J. (8), b. June 11, 1868
3	Justus F. (8), b. Nov. 11, 1874; unmarried.
_	Alma Sophia Dunakin (8), m. Edward L. Owen;
she d.	
DITC U.	Child:
a	Adelbert Elsworth (9), b. Sept. 8, 1873; m. 1895
	(about), Maude Delebridge; have one daugh-
	ter, Florence.
40-	Ada Catharine Dunakin (8), m. E. H. Cunning-
ham:	live in Los Angeles, Cal.; have one daughter,
Mahel.	who m. John J. McDugall: Mr Cunningham d

Mabel, who m. John J. McDugall; Mr. Cunningham d. 1909.

41-Mary Francis Electa Dunakin (8), m. 1879, Geo. D. Lay; live in LaPorte, Ind.

Children:

Volney L. (9), m. Jan. 7, 1914; has one child. Geneve (9), m. J. E. Hupp; they have two sons,

George Theodore and John Earl.

42-Byron	D. Cook	(8), m.	Ann Raby	, b. ir	England,
Jan. 11, 1845		ner, Mic			

Children:

William Hutchinson (9), b. April 28, 1870.

Kathrine L. (9), b. Feb. 22, 1872. Clinton D. (9), b. March 20, 1874.

Mabel L. (9), b. Feb. 2, 1876......47 Adelbert F. (9), b. Dec. 17, 1878......48

Alma (9), b. 1882; died young. Marion L. (9), b. Jan. 21, 1890.

43-Catharine Cook (8), m. Norman Holt; live in Albion, Mich.; have ten children.

44-Clara Cook (8), m. Alfred French; live at High-

land, Mich; have one son, Charles.

45-Charles Cook (8), m.; had no children; he was a physician; his widow is Dr. Dana Cook, of Battle Creek, Mich.

46-Ella Cook (8), m. - Chandler; live in Albion, Mich.; have two daughters.

47-Mabel L. Cook (9), m. 1896, Edward Sinclare.

Children:

Harold B. (10), b. Oct., 1898. Katherin M. (10), b. Aug., 1903.

18—Adelbert F. Cook (9), m. June 27, 1900, Laura Rebecca Jones, b. Jan. 27, 1882.

Children:

Bert Jerald (10), b. March 8, 1906.

Lloyd Russell (10), b. Nov. 17, 1910.

Marjory Elizabeth (10), b. Dec. 3, 1913.

49—Carrie M. Edmunds (8), m. June 27, 1819, Clarkson, N. Y., Thomas A. Caswell.

50-Florence Edmunds (8), m. Dec. 26, 1889, Fred Edwards.

Children:

Winifred (9), b. July 21, 1894; teaching in De-Rurter, N. Y. (1916).

George Earl (9), b. Oct. 14, 1900; d. June 14, 1911.

51—George Earl Edmunds (8), m. July 2, 1901, Perth Amboy, N. Y., Edith Mercer; their children are, (a) Marjorie, b. Jan. 20, 1903; (b) George, b. May 13, 1904; (c) Ruth, b. June 12, 1914.

52-Charles Rosencrans (8), m.; left one daughter,

Belle.

53—Charlotte Rosencrans (8), m. H. C. Easterly; lives in Chicago, Ill.

54—Cora Alma Cook (8), m. Sept. 13, 1893, Holly

Y., John Barnard Stevens; he d. Dec. 20, 1910.

55-Hattie Adele Cook (8), m. April 15, 1884, Rev. Hervey C. Hazen. They served as Missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M., in India, at the Madura Mission; she d. at Kodaikanal, India, April 9, 1909; he d. at Manamadura, India, July 20, 1914.

56-Harris Lockwood Cook (8), m. Jan. 15, 1884, in Clarendon, Mich., Ida Elizabeth Warner, b. Harmony,

Wis., Dec. 13, 1861.

Children

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1	Glenn S.	(9), b.	Oct.	22,	1884	57			
2	Elmo E	(9) h	Δ 110°	11	1889	50			

57-Glenn S. Cook (9), m. Jan. 1, 1906, at Michigan

City, Ind., Beatrice Schroeder, b. April 15, 1887.

Children:

Thelma D. (10), b. 1907. Bernice E. (10), b. 1909.

58-Elmo E. Cook (9), m. Dec. 15, 1909, at Frankston, Texas, Mrs. Emily (Cade) Erwin, b. April 1, 1874, at Edom, Texas.

Children:

Genevieve Ida (10), b. Oct. 15, 1910. Ruth Adele (10), b. May 8, 1912.

59-Rilla Cook (8), m. Dr. Caldwell, of Fremont, O. Child:

Robert (9) 60-Sarah Cook (8), m. - Riker. Child:

Rilla (9)

61-Joseph L. Cook (8), m., lives in Howell, Mich. Children:

Abram (9)

Bradford (9), m., has one son, Joseph L.

Catharine (9), m. Elmer Dickerson; lives at Fowlerville, Mich.

62—Sophie Cook · (8), m. (1st) Frank Starkey; (2d) Chas. Poe, son of General Poe, New York City; (3d) Rear Admiral W. P. Swinburn, retired.

63-Fred J. Cook (8), m. Feb. 19, 1890, Howell, Mich.,

Jennie Miller.

Children:

Fred M. (9)

Margaret Carroll (9)

APPENDIX

William Larkin (8), m., has one daughter, Edna, who m. James Coats; they have a baby girl; live in Battle Creek, Mich.

A. L. Larkin (8), name is Albert; m.; lives in

Chittenango Station, N. Y.

21-David Larkin (7), has one other son, Henry; m.,

has two sons; live in Battle Creek.

Jedediah Cook, grandfather to Elijah Cook, who m. 5—Charity (Lockwood) Sherwood, was b. 1700; he died riding from Connecticut to Albany, N. Y., on horseback when he was one hundred years of age.

Elijah Cook died of inflammation of the lungs.

Charity Cook, his wife, died of inflammation of the bowels.

The father of Joseph Perkins, who m. 7-Betsy Cook (6), slipped down on the ice and hurt his leg so that it killed him, at the age of 77.

Joseph Perkins's mother died of lung fever, aged 73;

both died in N. H.

24-Hattie (7) should be Hettie, which was her nickname, the name being Mahitable Larkin (7), b. April 1, 1821; d. Nov. 26, 1888; m. (1st) 1840, Leavern S. Hutchins, b. 1814, d. 1856; m. (2d) Israel Smith.

Hutchins Children:

c Orange, b. 1849. Alma C., b. Oct. 10, 1851..... Smith Children:

Hattie A., b. 1861; d. young.

Homer S., b. 1864. b

Eliza Ann Hutchins m. a man named Mott; A has a son named Truman Mott living at Had-

ley, Mich. Alma C. Hutchins m. Nov. 21; 1870, George \mathbf{B} Gurnell, b. Feb. 24, 1847, d. May 28, 1914. Child:

a Maude Alma, b. June 12, 1871; m. Oct. 15, 1890, Edward W. Anderson, b. Aug. 14, 1868; their son is Wilber G., b. January 14, 1907.

Joseph Lockwood & Charity Knapp m. Nov. 10, 1751 at Greenwich Conn. by Rev Abraham Todd.

Their children: -Eliphalet, b. March 23, 1753 Joseph, b. January, 9, 1758 Jared, b. July 7, 1758 Charity, b. June, 27, 1762

From Greenwich Town Records.







